



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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October 28, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED FEES AND CHARGES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule, effective December 1, 2014. Revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's fees and charges are based on the review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring park agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code and sections of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines as cited herein.
2. Adopt a resolution and approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule, effective December 1, 2014.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) conducts a thorough analysis of the costs to ensure that fees do not exceed the cost of the services provided. In addition, the Department reviews the fees imposed for similar services or uses by neighboring public park agencies. If supported by the analysis, recommendations to the Department's fee schedule are forwarded to the Board for approval.

This review indicates that the Department's current fees and charges schedule should be revised since the current fees do not cover the cost of the services provided and in an effort to maintain consistency with fees charged for similar services by other jurisdictions. These revisions include the establishment of new fees and the revision of current fees. These adjustments to the Department's schedule of fees are warranted, as outlined in Attachment I. The recommended actions will result in a net revenue increase that will be utilized to fund operating costs or to offset future curtailments, as needed.

The Department is requesting approval to establish Indoor Facility Use Fees for a theatre at the new Hacienda Heights Community Center (Community Center). The theatre at the new Community Center will be available for use by private groups or individuals, non-profit organizations, public service organizations, government agencies, and/or school organizations for programs.

In addition, the Department is requesting approval for revisions to the approved fees for monthly and weekly swimming pool Training Tickets, Annual Vehicle Permits, and Annual Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons Vehicle Permits. The proposed changes for swimming pool training tickets would allow facilities to offer current weekday-only services to patrons on the weekends, while providing the staff with opportunities to create new programs. The proposed changes for the annual vehicle permits would allow the Department to better improve customer service by establishing a transferable pass, allowing the patron the opportunity of transferring the pass between all registered vehicles that are owned by the individual.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enriching lives through cost-effective activities and by increasing revenues.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will result in an estimated net revenue increase of \$13,947 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 and an estimated \$27,895 annually in subsequent fiscal years which will be utilized to fund existing operating costs.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

As mentioned in the Fiscal Impact/Financing Section above, there will be an estimated increase of \$27,895 annually.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All fees were reviewed to ensure that they are reasonable and cost effective in comparison to other municipal and public agencies. The results are reflected in the recommendations. The last revisions to the Department's fees and charges were approved on May 28, 2013, and effective July 1, 2013.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes must be approved by a resolution from the Board.

The proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e)

(2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

Public Hearing Notice

Public hearing notice requirements of Government Code Section 6062a have been satisfied, and public hearing requirements of Government Code Section 66018 for fee increases will be satisfied by this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) 8(A)(B)(C) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Should you have any questions please contact Monica Pollaccia at (213) 738-3226 or mpollaccia@parks.lacounty.gov, Elizabeth Mendez at (213) 738-3040 or lmendez@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

2014 Proposed Fees and Charges

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Change from Current Fee</u>	<u>Examples of Facilities that Charge Fee</u>	<u>Last Revised</u> (Date of Board Letter)
<u>I. NEW FEES</u>					
<u>Indoor Facility Use</u>					
Theatre - Non-profit, public sector, government agencies, and/or school organizations conducting free programs	None	\$75/hour (4 hour minimum) + staff time	New	New Hacienda Heights Community Center (Proposed New Fees)	N/A
Theatre - Non-profit, public sector, government agencies, and/or school organizations conducting fee-based programs	None	\$100/hour (4 hour minimum) + staff time	New	New Hacienda Heights Community Center (Proposed New Fees)	N/A
Theatre - Private groups or individual programs	None	\$150/hour (4 hour minimum) + staff time	New	New Hacienda Heights Community Center (Proposed New Fees)	N/A
<u>II. REVISED FEES</u>					
<u>Swimming Pool Activities</u>					
Training Ticket - Monthly	\$25/month/person (not including weekends)	\$25 for a 15-entry ticket, valid up to 60 days after purchase or until the end of the season	Restructure, include weekends	Belvedere Aquatic Center, Castaic Regional Aquatic Center, Cerritos Pool, El Cariso Regional Pool, Norman S. Johnson Aquatic Center, and Victoria Pool	Increased - 2003
Training Ticket - Weekly	\$7/week/person (not including weekends)	\$10 for a 5-entry ticket, valid up to 30 days after purchase or until the end of the season	Restructure, include weekends and increase of up to \$3	Belvedere Aquatic Center, Castaic Regional Aquatic Center, Cerritos Pool, El Cariso Regional Pool, Norman S. Johnson Aquatic Center, and Victoria Pool	Increased - 2003
<u>Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching</u>					
Annual Vehicle Permit - Permit valid at Bonelli, Castaic, Hahn, Santa Fe Dam, Schabarum, and Whittier Narrows	\$125 non-transferable annual permit	\$140 transferable annual permit	Restructure, increase of up to \$15	Bonelli, Castaic, Hahn, Santa Fe Dam, Schabarum, and Whittier Narrows	Increased - August 11, 2009
Annual Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons Vehicle Permit (valid daily, excluding holidays and special events) - Permit valid at Bonelli, Castaic, Hahn, Santa Fe Dam, Schabarum, and Whittier Narrows	\$65 non-transferable annual permit	\$75 transferable annual permit	Restructure, increase of up to \$10	Bonelli, Castaic, Hahn, Santa Fe Dam, Schabarum, and Whittier Narrows	Increased - August 11, 2009

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES
AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK FACILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of new and increased fees at County parks. Said hearing will be held on October 28, 2014, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Proposed New Fees

Establish an Indoor Facility Theatre fee for non-profit, public sector, government agencies, and/or school organizations conducting free programs for \$75 per hour (minimum 4 hours) plus staff time.

Establish an Indoor Facility Theatre fee for non-profit, public sector, government agencies, and/or school organizations conducting fee-based programs for \$100 per hour (minimum 4 hours) plus staff time.

Establish an Indoor Facility Theatre fee for private groups or individual programs for \$150 per hour (minimum 4 hours) plus staff time.

Revised Fees

Revise the Training Ticket - Monthly fee for swimming pools from \$25 per month, per person, not including weekends, to \$25 for a 15-entry ticket, valid up to 60 days after purchase or until the end of the season, including weekends.

Revise the Training Ticket - Weekly fee for swimming pools from \$7 per week, per person, not including weekends, to \$10 for a 5-entry ticket, valid up to 30 days after purchase or until the end of the season, including weekends.

Revise Annual Vehicle Permit fee from \$125 (non-transferable) to \$140 (transferable). The Annual Vehicle Permit will be a transferable hang-tag permit valid at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park, and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Revise Annual Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons Vehicle Permit fee from \$65 (non-transferable) to \$75 (transferable). The Annual Vehicle Permit will be a transferrable hang tag permit, valid daily, excluding holidays and special events, at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park, and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. For further information, please call (213) 738-3226.

Para su información en español, favor de llamar el teléfono siguiente (213) 738-2952.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW AND REVISE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the County's parks offer services and recreational opportunities similar to other facilities at which these fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, these actions will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these costs do not exceed the cost of the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval for fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, all recommended new and revised fees for County park facilities funded or improved with State bond park funds are not in excess of 125 percent of similar fees charged by the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of State facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The County's parks and recreation fees shall be adjusted as outlined in Attachment I, effective December 1, 2014.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and the ex-officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, adopted the foregoing Resolution on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los
Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard D. Weiss
Acting County Counsel

By Chitra Salceda
Principal Deputy County Counsel